

Proudest Day in West Virginia

The Celebration of the Battle and Unveiling of the Monument

HOME COMING

THE FEATURE THAT BROUGHT MANY BACK TO JOIN IN THE FESTIVITIES

25,000 PEOPLE HERE ON SATURDAY.

The biggest demonstration ever witnessed, not only in Point Pleasant, but in West Virginia, was that of Saturday, October 9th, the big day of the four days' celebration of the Battle of Point Pleasant. The most conservative estimate places the big crowd here Saturday at 20,000 and the most orderly, dignified crowd ever seen in the State.

The big parade of Saturday was arranged according to the program announced in our last issue—forming at 6th street on Viand, thence to 11th, thence to Main, thence to Tu-Endie-Wei Park. The parade was started upon the arrival of the morning trains.

Col. J. P. R. B. Smith, Grand Marshal of the 1874 and 1901 celebrations, was again Grand Marshal, looking just as young as he used to be, and his aid of the first division was Mr. Andrew Lewis Bogges, with J. W. Bogges color bearer. In that division was the Point Pleasant Band, the Mason Blue Lodges, the Knights Templar Commanderies and the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of West Virginia. It was an imposing division.

The second division was in command of Marshal Peter Higgins Steenberg with Leslie P. Neale aid, and Robert Lister color bearer. This division consisted of the children of the public schools of Point Pleasant, who had been so thoroughly trained and arranged by Mrs. Mary Margaret Bryan, the Director of Music and drill work of the public schools, assisted by the Principal, Miss Bertha Steinbach, the grade teachers and art teachers, and the whole led into the march by the President of the Board of Education, Capt. W. H. Howard, and Commissioner, Carlisle Whaley. The children were dressed and arranged to represent a long, breathing, moving flag, making one of the most inspiring scenes ever witnessed upon our streets.

Next came the decorated wagon carrying the thirteen little boys who were to unveil the monument, an escort to the Goddess of Liberty, Miss Elizabeth Sehon McCoach, little daughter of Mr. John M. McCoach and wife, of Huntington, while on the front seat, representing West Virginia to the front, sat little Charles Lewis Pomeroy, named for his illustrious ancestor, and complimentary to the Col. Charles Lewis Chapter, D. A. R. The little army of thirteen boys, whose ancestors were in the battle here, commanded by little Charles Cameron Lewis, son of Mr. C. C. Lewis, of this place, descending through his mother from Gen. Andrew Lewis, who commanded the battle, and his no less valiant ancestor, Col. Charles Lewis, among the slain of the army, and his conduct, although but two and a-half years of age, demonstrated the martial blood in his veins, and the others of the army at Point Pleasant who are perpetuated in him are Capt. John Dickinson and Major William Clendenin, with other Revolutionary ancestors—Capt. John Jordan, Lieut. Wm. P. L. Neale, Peter Steenberg and William Steenberg and Major Andrew Waggener.

The next little fellow was John Dickinson Lewis, son of Mr. C. C. Lewis, Jr., of Charleston, descendant from Col. Charles Lewis, and Capt. John Dickinson, of the battle of Point Pleasant.

Chancellor Bowyer, son of Frank Bowyer, of Winfield, descending from Christian Miller, and Wm. Clendenin was another of the boys.

Henderson Hampton Miller, son of Dr. Joseph Lyons Miller, of Thomas, descending from Lieut. John Henderson, of the battle of Point Pleasant and Surgeon Henry Hampton of the Revolution.

Another of the thirteen who represented the original colonies was Lorain Pullin Sterrett, son of Charles Sterrett, of Beech Hill, and grandson of Geo. W. Pullin, of Debby, who yet resides on the site of the old fort, commanded by Capt. Leonard Cooper of the battle of Point Pleasant.

Neale Blackwood, son of C. K. Blackwood, though whom descends from Thomas Hannon, who was in Fort Randolph. His maternal line descends from Genl. Andrew Lewis, and William and Peter Steenberg, Capt. John Jordan, Wm. Neale, Major Waggener, of the Revolution.

Robert Cameron Thompson, son of Wm. Rootes Thompson, of Huntington, descends from Col. Charles Lewis, Col. John Stuart, Captain Philip Slaughter, and Capt. John Dickinson, of the battle of Point Pleasant.

Herbert Thomas Henderson, son of James Henderson, of Five-mile, is the only living descendant bearing the Henderson name, descending from Lieutenant John Henderson, of the battle of Point Pleasant, and George Eastham of the same battle, and James Edmiston and Thomas Maupin, of the Revolution.

Wm. Hogg, son of Dean Charles Edger Hogg, descendant of Thomas Hackett, of the battle of Point Pleasant, and Captain Peter Hogg, civil officer during the Revolution.

John Griff Frielinhuysen Smith, son of Homer Smith, descendant from Col. Charles Lewis, Captain John Dickinson, John Roseberry, of the battle of Point Pleasant, Peter Steenberg, Wm. Steenberg, Captain John Jordan, Col. Taverner Beale, Capt. Frederick Frielinhuysen the latter also a member of the Continental Congress.

Perry Simpson-Poffenbarger, son of Judge Geo. Poffenbarger, through whom he descends from Benjamin Lewis of the battle of Point Pleasant, and James Edmiston and Arthur Edwards, Revolutionary soldiers, and on his maternal side from Josiah Simpson, Benjamin Nye, Benoni Gardner and Wm. Sill, of the Revolution.

John Daniel Steenberg, son of Peter Higgins Steenberg, and on his maternal side descending not only from Mrs. John Daniel McCulloch, nee Miss Sallie Lewis, one of the charter members of the Woman's Monumental Association of 1860, but from Col. Charles Lewis and John Dickinson of the battle of Point Pleasant, and Capt. John Jordan, and William and Peter Steenberg, of the Revolution.

Alfred Lewis, son of State Historian and Archivist, Virgil A. Lewis, descended from Benjamin Lewis of Point Pleasant, later Lieut. Benjamin Lewis of the Revolution and Arthur Edwards, of the Revolution, from Virginia.

Charles Lewis Pomeroy, representing West Virginia, descendant from the illustrious Col. Charles Lewis,

the distinguished Sehon family, from Seth Pomeroy, of Massachusetts, member of the Provincial Congress, and in 1775 elected a Brigadier General.

The Goddess of Liberty, Elizabeth Sehon McCoach, descends from Col. Charles Lewis, Col. John Stewart, Capt. John Dickinson and the illustrious Sehon family.

Nothing more appropriate could have occurred than that these children should have participated in this unveiling of the monument. Upon reaching the Park, to which was added, representing the four points of the compass, Mrs. John Daniel McCulloch, above referred to, Mrs. Lucy Sehon McCoach, of Huntington, Miss Lillie Lee Hogg, descending from Thomas Hackett of this battle, and Capt. Peter Hogg, of Virginia, and Miss Lena Lorena Roseberry, descending from John Roseberry of the battle, and Wm. Owens, Revolutionary soldiers.

The children above referred to were followed by the civic and town officers.

THIRD DIVISION.

Edward Barto Jones, Marshal of the third division, was aided by Jno. Park Austin, with Floyd Sterrett, Assistant Aid, Trix Couch, color bearer.

The Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias drilled like a regular army, were imposing in their uniforms and formed one of the best features of the parade.

Mounted on horseback next came Governor Wm. E. Glasscock and staff officers, followed in carriages by United States Senator Nathan Bay Scott, and Congressman Hon. W. P. Hubbard, of the First District, Hon. James A. Hughes, from the Fifth District, and state officers, Hon. Stuart F. Reed, Hon. John Sherman Darst, Hon. M. P. Shawkey, and others; carriages came next in which members of the Supreme Court, Judges Ira E. Robinson, Justin Williams, George Poffenbarger, were seated; next came the carriage with Mrs. Glasscock, wife of the Governor, accompanied by the wives of the staff officers; next came the automobiles with Hon. Wm. Seymour Edwards, escorting Mrs. James A. Hughes and daughter, and the wives of the Judges of the Supreme Court, Mesdames Judson Williams, Ira E. Robinson and George Poffenbarger; carriages bearing the distinguished ex-Governor, Wm. MacCorkle, ex-Secretary of State, Wm. E. Chilton, Hon. Wesley Mollahan, Hon. W. S. Laidley, and other distinguished invited guests followed with citizens and visitors in carriages, automobiles and horse-back, making an imposing parade extending for ten squares.

Reaching Tu-Endie-Wei Park the unveiling exercises were in charge of the Masonic Grand Lodge of West Virginia, after which the Masonic exercises took place and the children and ladies unveiled the monument; the children then sang "America," in which the audience joined as the great flag was wafted to the breeze; as it left the monument, uplifted by the enthusiastic lads and drawn in place by Messrs. Peter S. Lewis, of this place, Charles Cameron Lewis, Sr., and son, John Lewis, of Charleston, descendants of Col. Charles Lewis; the last vestige of the unveiling being carried up by Mr. Douglas Sehon, of Huntington, and Dr. Joe L. Miller, of Thomas. After which a recess was taken until

1:30 P. M.

Judge John L. Whitten, Mayor of the town presiding. Addresses appropriate to the occasion were delivered by Senator Scott, Gov. Glasscock, Congressman Hughes, ex-Gov. MacCorkle, Wm. E. Chilton, Secretary of State Reed, Auditor Darst and Mrs. Livia Simpson Poffenbarger.

Auditor J. S. Darst gave the history of the Monument building as seen from those on the inside when as a Senator he represented this district, in which he related the part Mrs. Poffenbarger played and said "without your Mrs. Livia Simpson Poffenbarger you would have no monument today to unveil. SHE BUILT YOUR MONUMENT. It came as a truth that our citizens are glad to have recognized."

Mrs. Poffenbarger's address was but conveying to her people another message of future progress along the line of recognition of the Battle of Point Pleasant not only by the Congress of the United States, but by the great historic societies of the country who now recognize it as the first battle of the Revolution, and she announced that Senator Nathan Bay Scott and Hon. James A. Hughes would introduce a bill in the next Congress appropriating money with which to build a handsome base to the Monument, and that there would be organized a "Lewis Family Association of America," looking to the building of a Lewis memorial temple in which Mr. Chas. Cameron Lewis, Jr., of Charleston, will take the lead; this temple to be fire-proof, costing not less than \$10,000, and to be built upon Tu-Endie-Wei Park.

While Saturday's exercises were imposing, indeed no less interesting, was the address of welcome delivered on Friday afternoon at Tu-Endie-Wei Park by Mayor Whitten or that of Col. W. L. Curry, Registrar of the Sons of the Revolution, or Hon. E. O. Randall, the greatest historian of Ohio.

THE BANQUET.

The banquet given Friday night at The Spencer Assembly Hall was not only the most artistic ever given in this county, but was the means by which our people extended their courtesies to our distinguished guests, the only thing they could do in return for the splendid compliment done us by the presence of the most distinguished body of people ever gathered here. We would have been lacking in civility and courtesy and hospitality, indeed, had our people failed in making the banquet the greatest success of the occasion. Its value could not be measured in dollars and cents. It has never in our knowledge before ever fallen to the lot of so small a town to gather around a festal board so many celebrities; among those who spoke were the Prince of West Virginia Toastmasters, Wm. E. Chilton, of Charleston.

Congressman Wm. P. Hubbard delivered one of the most scholarly addresses ever uttered here; Hon. W. A. MacCorkle's talk on Patriotism carried him to the hearts of his hearers.

Judge Ira E. Robinson made the Judiciary so interesting one forgot the "wee sma' hours."

Mrs. Lester Riddle charmed all with a solo which was responded to by a patriotic medley, ending with "Dixie," that carried the banquetters off their feet. She was accompanied by the accomplished pianist, Miss Veva Haptonstal.

Hon. E. O. Randall was called upon and his remarks were most humorous, entertaining and instructive, marking him the prince of after dinner talkers.

Hon. Wm. Seymour Edwards, one of West Virginia's leading men of letters, spoke briefly of Colonial Literature.

The toastmaster then spoke of "Her of whom we should all be so justly proud." He said "you have a woman who has done more for your city than any man you might have had in Congress or the United States Senate. She has been to you, equal to many men in your state legislature; she has been not only a power to you in building your monument, but in building your town, upholding your social and business life and purifying your politics; she is not only one of the greatest women in your state, but one of the

great women of the nation. I refer to your Mrs. Livia-Simpson Poffenbarger, whom I now introduce."

Mrs. Poffenbarger in replying declared that even though she were a general, that would be powerless without other good officers and a good army neither of which have ever been surpassed by the people of Point Pleasant.

Hon Virgil A. Lewis spoke of the kinship of the battle, followed by Dr. John M. Davis of Rio Grande College, who spoke of the men of the revolution.

The hour being late the delightful program was concluded by Hon. Stuart F. Reed's eulogy on The Flag, one of the most beautiful things ever uttered.

The following members of the governor's staff were in attendance. Generals Clarke Hamilton, Jr., Wheeling; George C. Baker, Morgantown, and Edward O'Toole, Gray.

Colonels Charles Beall, Wellsburg; S. M. Smith, Bluefield; Enoch Carver, P. A. Simpson, Charleston; H. C. Patten, Clarksburg; A. C. McIntyre, Vernon E. Johnson, Berkeley Springs; W. C. Loyd, H. L. Carspecken, C. N. Brisco, Morgantown; John Cummins, Wheeling; Captains James I. Pratt and John C. Bond, Charleston.

THE BALL.

The ball of Thursday night surpassed even the inaugural balls in which all the people of our state have participated, and the Grand March was led by Mr. Griff T. Smith of this place and Mrs. James A. Hughes, of Huntington. The music furnished by our own orchestra was highly complimented and the gowns were the handsomest ever seen here.

THE RECEPTION.

The Reception Thursday afternoon at The Assembly Hall was attended largely by ladies, although a few gentlemen greeted it by their presence. It was perfect in every appointment.

The great Home Coming exercises were closed Sunday morning with the Memorial Address delivered at Hoof's Opera House by ex-Gov. George Wesley Atkinson, now U. S. Court of Claims Judge at Washington, D. C. It was as it was intended it should be when fixed on the day of the real Anniversary of the battle, one of the crowning features of the entire program.

The song of Mrs. Lester Riddle, accompanied by Miss Haptonstal, at the Point Pleasant Banquet, was at once a feature, an inspiration and a success. She sang "Love to the Peddler" in a voice clear and full of melody, and at its close every one present wanted to be that "Peddler." The encore was hearty, unanimous and long continued, and the charming singer responded with "Hail Columbia" and "Dixie" in such inspiring tones that the already captured audience went wild with delight and enthusiasm.—Charleston Gazette, Oct. 10.

NO LICENSE AT CHARLESTON.

The council at Charleston took a vote on granting retail liquor license last night, the vote being a tie, which is a refusal to grant license. We understand, however, that they granted the breweries a license provided they did not sell within the corporate limits.

On the grounds that they carry disease germs, Iowa male school teachers have got to remove their whiskers and mustaches. A man's got to be smooth to hold a school job in that state.

West Virginia fox hunters are rejoicing that it is not necessary to take out a hunter's license to engage in that delightful sport.—Huntington Advertiser.

LETTER FROM A. E. EWING.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.,
October 8, 1908.

Mrs. Delia McCulloch, Point Pleasant, W. Va.

Dear Madam:—I hope to-morrow will be just as delightful in weather in Point Pleasant as it is in Grand Rapids this morning. I am still tied down to business and will not be able to go to Point Pleasant as I had hoped to do. Again I thank you for your kind invitation to attend the ceremonies and to be a guest at your home.

Two days ago I sent a silk flag to Dr. G. K. Ewing, at Ewington, O., and requested him to float it over the grave of our Virginia ancestor, Wm. Ewing, who participated in the Point Pleasant fight 135 years ago. The flag will be lonesome on the top of a lonely hill in the country, but passers by will remember that it is the emblem of political freedom, and those who know why it finds a place over that old pioneer's grave, will remember that that same freedom cost untold millions when measured in units of personal sacrifice. The flag will be in the wind to-morrow the day of the unveiling, and Sunday the anniversary of the battle and on other patriotic occasions.

I wonder if any attempt has ever been made to have the graves of the old Indian fighters located.

No doubt your papers will contain full accounts of the doings, and I would appreciate a copy if you can send me one. I would also like to get a copy of Virgil Lewis' history of the battle, but I can communicate with him about that.

Yours very truly,
A. E. EWING.

HISTORIAN HERE

Mrs. Annie S. Green, of Culpepper, Virginia, the only person ever duly commissioned by that state as official historian, was here, Saturday, to attend the celebration. She is the President of the Pocahontas Bell Association, the official Bell of the James Town Exposition. For many years she was the editor of the Culpepper Index. She was the first Virginia Regent of the Daughter of the American Revolution and is a member of the Woman's National Press Association. She is known as the Grand Old Woman of Virginia. While here she was the guest of Judge Poffenbarger's family.

ELECTRIC LIGHT WITHOUT WIRES.

New York, Oct. 4.—The management of the Electric Show, which opens its doors at Madison Square Garden October 11, expects to include among the principal features the wireless electric lighting device of Edward Tustin Jr., of Bloomsburg, Pa.

This is considered one of the most novel as well as valuable inventions of recent years. The inventor is a mere boy, not yet out of his teens. In a letter written by his mother to General Manager George F. Parker Mrs. Tustin says that the inventor was but 13 years old when the idea occurred to him and 14½ when the government granted his patent.

The wireless lighting apparatus is so small that when the inventor and his parents went to Washington to demonstrate its capability before the patent attorneys it was carried with them in the car as baggage. It has repeatedly thrown a light 100 feet, but distance is said to be merely a question of capacity of the apparatus.

Persons capable of judging the merits of the boy's invention describe it as little short of marvelous. Wireless lighting has always been held to be practicable, but so far the chief obstacle has been the cost of installing the machinery. By the system invented by young Tustin wireless electric lighting is made available at a minimum cost.

Budding genius is seldom found behind a blossoming nose.